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## **MECCA CRANE COLLAPSE CAUSES 87 DEAD AT THE GRAND MOSQUE AND 201 INJURED**

### **AT TWO WEEKS OF HAJJ PILGRIMAGE**

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**USPA NEWS** - A construction crane has crashed through the eastern side of Mecca's Grand Mosque in Saudi Arabia, the holy building at the centre of the annual hajj pilgrimage killing 87 people and 201 people injured according to the Saudi civil defence authority's Twitter posts.

THE EXTREME WEATHER COULD BE THE REASON OF THE COLLAPSE-----

Reconstruction work to enlarge the Grand Mosque Begins on 22 September and been for the past two years and expected to be completed before this year's pilgrimage. All of a sudden, the extreme weather with heavy rain provoking lightnings leading to the crane collapse, authorities said, today on Friday, the day of Muslim prayer. This tragic accident is happening 10 days before the start of the hajj pilgrimage.

Investigation is going "Saudi authorities are searching the owner, to identify the responsibilities and being able to communicate with the families of the injured and killed. The governor of Mecca region, Prince Khaled al-Faisal, has ordered a special investigation into the incident.-----

The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development released a statement to pressrun condolences to the families of the victims and the Saudi authorities facing this tragedy: "We were shocked to learn of the accident that happened today at a construction site of Mecca and did, according to a latest report, over 60 dead and many wounded. France extends its condolences to the victims' families. In this painful moment, we ensure the authorities and the people of Saudi our solidarity." Source: Agencies and french Diplomacy

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